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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The history of chess spans more than 1,500 years, and the earliest predecessors of the game originated in India, before the 6th century AD; from India, the game spread to the Middle East and subsequently expanded to Southern Europe; in Europe, chess evolved into roughly its current form in the 15th century; and

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WHEREAS, Chess is a recognized sport of the International Olympic Committee and international chess competition is sanctioned by the World Chess Federation (FIDE); and

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WHEREAS, Chess is sanctioned in Illinois at the high school level by the Illinois High School Association, where an annual State tournament determines a victor; and

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WHEREAS, National Chess Day is October 12, 2013; and

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WHEREAS, The United States 113th Congress has recently expressed its support for the designation of St. Louis, Missouri, as the 'National Chess Capital' of the United States to enhance awareness of the educational benefits of chess and to encourage schools and community centers to engage in chess programs to promote problem-solving, critical thinking, spatial awareness, and goal setting; and

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1 WHEREAS, The House of Representatives and the Senate of the
2 Illinois General Assembly physically compete against each
3 other in an annual softball game to determine the triumphant
4 chamber, which in many of these contests the House has
5 demonstrated its greater athletic proficiency; therefore, be
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7 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
8 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we proclaim our
9 intellectual superiority by challenging the members of the
10 Illinois House of Representatives to a chess tournament; and be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate shall host the chess tournament
13 and, upon acceptance of terms by the House, the results shall
14 affirm our claims that we are the utmost mentally astute
15 Chamber of the Illinois 98th General Assembly; and be it
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17 RESOLVED, That the General Assembly Chess Tournament shall
18 also be utilized to promote and enhance awareness of the
19 educational benefits of chess among school-aged children and to
20 encourage all schools and community centers in Illinois to
21 engage in chess programs to promote problem-solving, critical
22 thinking, spatial awareness, and goal setting.